

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 364

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Howard Harris upon his selection as 2007 Tennessee Inventor of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have performed their duties with remarkable and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Howard Harris is one such distinguished individual who is being honored on April 24, 2007, in Washington, D.C., as Tennessee Inventor of the Year for 2007; he will receive this award for his invention of an energy-efficient electric water heater known as the HH20; and

WHEREAS, a life-long entrepreneur, at the age of twelve, Mr. Harris began sharecropping, eventually earning enough money to buy a farm at the age of fifteen; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cheatham County Central High School, Mr. Harris went on to sell his farm and become a successful builder of many different types of property, including houses, banks, and office buildings; he has also worked in remodeling, owned a motel and a real-estate business, and developed several subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, Howard Harris began experimenting with different techniques in order to develop a better way of heating water; his work yielded a pressureless, plastic, corrosion-resistant, energy-efficient electric water heater; and

WHEREAS, under the name H.H20, which his son Bryant coined, Mr. Harris's innovative water heater was first patented in 1998; and

WHEREAS, designed to heat water as it is used, thus saving money, the HH20 is currently manufactured in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris should be recognized for his noble commitment to energy-efficient technology, his considerable talents and energies, and his lasting legacy to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Howard Harris upon his selection as the 2007 Tennessee Inventor of the Year, and we pay tribute to Mr. Harris's ingenuity, which will no doubt be of great benefit to his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.